

a first switch member mounted to the tubular jacket;
a rotatable signal case component cooperating with the steering column for secure mutual rotation therewith;
a code disc cooperating with said rotatable signal case component for secure mutual rotation therewith;
a stationary steering angle module mounted to said first switch member; and
a steering angle sensor cooperating with said steering angle module and communicating with said code disc to measure a steering angle of the steering column, wherein said code disc is disposed proximate to a bearing of the steering column in the tubular jacket to improve an accuracy in said steering angle measurement.

Remarks

The Examiner has objected to the drawings as not showing the code disc comprising a projection of claim 17. In responding to this objection, claim 17 has been cancelled.

Claim 20 is objected to under 37 CFR 1.75 as being a substantial duplicate of claim 19. In responding to this objection, claim 20 has been cancelled.

Claims 16 to 27 stand rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Johnson et. al. '924 in view of Sano '912.